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To: Ald. Tony Zielinski

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Subject: Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Costs and Availability

The following is in response to your request for information about the cost and availability of Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEVs):

As an example, the cost for a Global Electric Motorcars GEM NEV ranges from \$6,795 for a two-seater, to \$9,695 for a four-seater and \$12,495 for a six-seater. These NEVs can be customized to include things such as audio systems, heater/defoggers, dash-mounted fans and trunk-back carriers. It is interesting to note that, while many of the manufacturers are smaller independent businesses, Global Electric Motorcars is now a DaimlerChrysler company. There is one manufacturer in Wisconsin, Columbia Par Car in Reedsburg. Overall, within the United States I have identified at least 21 manufacturers. The dealers I have found for NEVs in Wisconsin are in Kenosha, Janes ville, La Crosse and Portage.

I hope this information will prove useful to you. Please feel free to contact me at x8680 with any questions or for further data.

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